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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. EVERETT].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 13, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable TERRY EVERETT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

For the beauty of life's gifts and for the splendor of Your grace, we offer our thanks, gracious God, for the new day. Though we must know the details of the particulars of each event, yet may we not only focus on what is in front of us, but lift our eyes to glimpse the vision of the opportunities You have prepared for each of us. O loving God, from whom has come our creation and the sustenance of the heavens and the earth, may Your strong arm support us along life's way and may Your spirit sustain us in all we ask or think or do. In Your name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr.

KLINK] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KLINK led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that he will entertain fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS OF PAN AM FLIGHT 103 AND THEIR FAMILIES

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on December 21, 1988, Pan Am flight 103 was blown out of the sky by a terrorist's bomb. That brutal, cowardly act killed all 259 aboard, including 189 Americans, 1 of whom, John Cummock, was a constituent of my congressional district.

Months of detective work finally uncovered the hand of Libyan dictator Mu'ammar Qadhafi behind this tragedy.

Since the identification of the Libyan agents who committed this crime, diplomatic pressure has been applied in an effort to force the extradition of these murderers. Qadhafi has refused to surrender them for trial, in either the United Kingdom or the United States.

Today, this House will have the opportunity to allow the families of these murder victims a chance to seek justice against Qadhafi, by passing a bill that will allow these families the chance to present the facts of this crime in American courts.

I urge my colleagues to remember the victims of Pan Am flight 103 and

the need to seek justice for their families.

REPUDIATION OF EXTREMIST CUTS IN EDUCATION

(Mr. KLINK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, the other body yesterday by a vote of 86 to 14 handed out a repudiation of the extremist cuts in education that have been promoted by the Republicans in this House. Many schools are only a few weeks from notifying teachers that they will not be rehired next year. Local and State governments will have to eliminate needed education programs, or they are going to have to raise the property taxes on people who are already overtaxed, who are business owners or homeowners.

The 103d Congress was the education Congress. It passed Goals 2000, national service, school-to-work funding for students who are not going to college but need to be headed into a job. The 104th Congress now wants to cut those programs, along with title I, summer youth jobs, dislocated workers, Head Start, drug-free schools. It was the robber barons of the 1800's that did not want to fund education for the children of their workers, so the public funded education. Now the new robber barons of this generation want to take the public investment out of public schools. We should not let them.

THE ERA OF BIG GOVERNMENT IS ALIVE, WELL, AND LIVING IN THE WHITE HOUSE

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, 50 days ago President Clinton stood before the

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